

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES AND NEW ORLEANS GOSSIP

WANT BILL SQUIRES
TO MEET JEFFRIES

Would Be Real International Match and First in Many Years.

AUSTRALIAN IS WILLING

Cables He Is Coming to Fight for the Championship and 60 Per Cent of Purse.

By W. W. NAUGHTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—For a man of a retiring disposition it must be said that James J. Jeffries is very much in the public eye and public ear. It seems to suggest that it is next to useless for a champion to attempt to depart the life pugilistic by any but the knockout route. Resignations and retirements, in the case of an undefeated ring hero are not regarded as permanent relinquishment of the game of hit, stop and getaway, and it is easier for a camel to take a flying leap through the eye of a needle than it is for an unwieldy king of the Queensberry real to turn a deaf ear to the clamors of the unwashed and the wiles of the promoters.

Contradictory Tales.

Take the headlines of one day in the middle of the week and what did they tell or pretend to tell: Mike Riley, of Tonopah, says Jeffries will referee the Gans-Herman fight.

Tex Rickards says that Jeffries will fight Johnson or Squires.

Jeffries says he will not fight a colored man.

Tommy Burns says Jeffries has promised him the first match.

Jeffries says he will fight Squires or Tommy Burns if Burns knocks out O'Brien.

O'Brien says Jeffries and Burns would be a great card but—

Thinks Jeff Will Fight.

The writing on the wall says that Jeffries will be in harness again before another year has passed. He says so himself and he is honest enough and matter of fact enough to declare that it is the lure of gold that has knocked the props from under his retirement and shaken his resolution clear to the foundations.

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INTERNATIONAL
GAMES IN 1907

American and British Athletes to Compete in All Forms of Sport.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—International athletic contests will be the main feature amateur sport in 1907 and the coming year promises to be replete with competitions between the United States and England.

The first of the series will be the association football match between teams representing America and England. The two countries have met in almost every branch of athletics, but this will be the first time that representative "soccer" eleven have faced each other. The game is scheduled to take place on the Crystal Palace grounds, near London, about the middle of April.

Date Still Unsettled.

No definite date has been set for the contest owing to the uncertainty of the day of playing off the final tie for the English association football ownership. The international match will be played on the Saturday preceding the big British event.

Beginning with the new year, the selection committee will pick out the likely players with the idea of choosing the strongest possible eleven for the match. While the majority of the team will be selected from New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Fall River, and Paterson, no locality will be favored for geographical purposes. The players will be selected according to merit and the strongest possible combination will be taken to England.

Pilgrims May Come Here.

While it has not been positively determined, it is probable that Fred H. Milnes, the captain of the Pilgrim team which visited America in the fall of 1905, will be brought over to this country to give advice and coach the team for two weeks prior to sailing for England.

Captain Milnes has been invited to coach the team and assured the promoters that he would do so if possible. He does not anticipate any difficulty in assuming the duties. He will be accompanied by one of the foremost professional association football players in England, who will attend to the physical condition of the members of the team, in addition to assisting Captain Milnes in coaching.

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GRANT SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM



Standing (Left to Right)—Harold Davis, Ed Colahan, Craven Stocks. Seated—George Plummer and Julian Simpson.

Sporting News and Notes
About Amateurs and Pros.

By MANHATTAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Cornell is preparing for a busy winter season. In addition to the cross-country running, indoor track meets and hockey, much attention will be paid to boxing, wrestling and fencing. In boxing more than eighty men have reported to Instructor MacSherry.

J. M. Gelas, the fencing instructor, reported that fifty men have taken up fencing, and Fraser, the wrestling teacher, has thirty men under his care. With such large squads to face, the other colleges will have to look well to their laurels in the coming championships.

The faculty of the University of Pennsylvania has expressed its unanimous disapproval of the recommendation made to them by the football committee that a recess period should be set aside each afternoon during the college year so that the team would not be handicapped by the inability of the players to appear for practice together.

The faculty took up the matter with the leading colleges of the East and West, and the majority of these colleges agreed that such a plan could not be carried out within reasonable bounds.

An attempt was then made to arrange a general recreation hour which would be fairly to both the students and the faculty, but the only solution possible was to lengthen the law and medical courses one year, and this would be unjust to the men who come to the university for more serious purposes than athletics.

Following the discontinuance of the annual contest with Harvard and the taking on of Michigan comes the announcement that in all probability the University of Pennsylvania will meet the University of Chicago next fall in football on Franklin Field.

An open athletic meet of all colleges, schools and clubs in the Atlantic and South Atlantic districts of the A. A. U. has been arranged by the Mount Washington Club, the Maryland A. C. and the Fifth Regiment Athletic Association of Baltimore, to be held in the Fifth Regiment Armory on Saturday, January 12.

Special prizes are to be offered to Princeton, Johns Hopkins, Georgetown and the University of Virginia for a one-mile relay, and there will be other special events for colleges and schools. Military numbers are to be introduced in the program for both militia and regulars, and the meet is expected to be of greater importance than any ever held before in Baltimore.

Prof. C. W. Hetherington, director of athletics of Missouri University, has taken the initiative in a movement to form an association of Western universities for the governing of college athletics. He has issued a call for a meeting between representatives of Kansas, Nebraska, Washington of St. Louis, St. Louis, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas Universities.

The New York Amateur Hockey League will open its season on January 8 with a game between the Crescents and Hockey Club eleven. From that date the schedule calls for games every Tuesday and Thursday up to February 12. All these games also will be played in the St. Nicholas rink.

Thomas Keane, of Boston, the world's professional sprint champion, is negotiating for a match with Flynn, the Scranton sprinter, who recently defeated Tewksbury, the old Penn Star. Keane is in excellent condition and is anxious to have the match decided on Christmas Day, at Scranton.

The leading club and college athletes of New England are already preparing to compete at the indoor meet of the Boston Athletic Association, which will be held in Mechanics Hall, on February 15. The events will include 440-yard run for novices, scratch; 40-yard handicap, 9-foot limit; 60-yard dash, 20 yards

limit; 99-yard run, 50 yards limit; 45-yard high hurdles, three flights, 3 feet 6 inches high, 8-foot limit; putting 16-pound shot, 6-foot limit; putting 12-pound shot, invitation scratch.

It is also the intention to arrange team races between the following universities, colleges and athletic clubs: Harvard, Yale, Princeton, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell, Harvard class teams, Dartmouth, Williams, Amherst, Brown, University of Maine, M. I. T., Tufts, Wesleyan, Bowdoin, and Greater Irish Athletic Club, and B. A. A.

Three championship fights and several of lesser importance now on the carpet are interesting fighting fans the country over. The first fight of importance is the Gans-Herman go at Tonopah on New Year Day. Gans is a legitimate 3 to 1 chance in this fight, and that is about what the odds will be. It is a case of a man in a sleep against a man in a fight.

It is within the range of possibility that he will succeed in putting one over on the smoke; the chances are, however, that he will not.

Later will come the return match between O'Brien and Burns for the heavyweight championship. This fight also will be pulled off in Nevada which seems to be the fight center these days. As it will be to a finish, it will be near-mine this time which is the real near-champion. The betting on this go should be pretty close to even with the Canadian scrapper having a slight call in popular favor.

The first international battle of importance since Jimmy Britt convinced Jabez White that he was not in the American championship class, will be that between Abe Attell and Jimmy Bowker. Attell should have little trouble in giving the Englishman the same dose Britt administered to White.

The one topic of conversation among New York oarsmen at present is the action of the Henley regatta stewards on Saturday, when the English rowing authorities passed a resolution barring all crews from the annual regatta whose governing body is not affiliated with the Henley regatta.

The various rowing clubs in New York the action was considered a direct slap at American oarsmen for the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen of the United States is the only rowing body of importance which is not already allied by agreement with the English oarsmen's association.

Rowing men find it hard to understand the reason underlying the action of the Henley stewards. Had the Vesper crew incidents been passed over by the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen the action could be easily accepted as a direct rebuke of American methods. Instead, however, the national body became energetic and the national suspicion was directed toward the Vesper oarsmen, and the offenders were not only promptly punished, but to an extent that drew forth criticism of its justice, everyone concerned with the trip being suspended.

The next swimming meet at the New York Athletic Club will be held on January 12 in the club's pool. After that the first of the two dual meets between the Chicago and New York A. C. will probably be held in this city about February 2, the return meet being in Chicago, when the Mercury Footers go on the annual Western tour some time in April.

It is a source of general satisfaction to swimmers generally to know that these dual meets between the two highest athletic clubs here agree to be a feature of the winter's campaign. Owing to a little unpleasantness in the Chicago pool last winter, when some of the New Yorkers claimed they were robbed of the water polo championship, it was feared that dual swimming meets between the clubs were at an end.

HOW TO KEEP TROUT
WHEN THERE'S NO ICE

Fisherman Says Wet Cloth and Dry Paper Are Much Better.

NEVER OPEN FOR SHIPMENT

Not According to Nature to Have Air Hit Inside—Suggestions for Anglers.

"I remember reading years ago some traditions possibly open to criticism as coming down from time immemorial and commonly believed, that trout should be eaten on the day on which they are caught, and when I say that trout be kept over night and cooked next day to be at their best I am aware that almost every angler will say that this claim is absurd, unless they speak from their own experience," says W. W. Blair, in the New York Press.

"When trout are first brought in they are usually soft and pressed out of shape, and if they are immediately cleaned and put in the frying pan or spider the tail ends will invariably curl up and often be undone. But if they are cleaned and wiped dry, and the dish in which they are placed set on a cold cellar floor, the fish on the next day will have resumed their natural shape. The flesh will be hard and solid and they will lie in the spider as straight as shingles, and a trout to be at its best must be evenly cooked.

Ice Destroys Flavor.

"I also believed and followed for years that ice should be used for the purpose of transporting trout, but that is also unnecessary; in fact, the presence of ice destroys to a large extent the delicate flavor of the fish.

"In many places, particularly in Mexico, it is customary to wrap a wet flannel cloth around a pike or jar of water, with the result that by reason of the gradual evaporation from the wet cloth the water in the jar would be kept cool and even reduced in temperature, and as an experiment we applied the same principle in the keeping of trout, with the result we have never had a fish spoil or become tainted, although kept for several days. I can therefore recommend the following plan:

Never Clean Hold Over.

"Never open or clean a trout for shipment, it is not according to nature that the air should be allowed to touch the inside of the fish and the little sac of blood at the head of the stomach will very frequently cause the fish to spoil or become tainted, even after it is placed in the spider.

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TROUBLE STILL BREWING
ON NEW ORLEANS TRACKS

Bitterness Among Officials of Two Clubs Will Never Die Out—City Park Management Now Directing Fire Against Newspapers.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 22.—Though the local turf war is supposed to be a thing of the past, there yet remains ample evidence of an undying bitterness existing which will only disappear when the men presently associated with the Crescent City Jockey Club and the City Park Jockey Club have passed to the great beyond.

Just now the City Park management has directed a fire against the newspaper correspondents who espoused the Fair Grounds and the Western Jockey Club in the fight on Corrigan and the American Turf Association for the last two seasons. During the fortnightly session of racing at City Park, which terminated this afternoon, five prominent turf writers were refused the courtesies of the course. "They did us dirt last year, and they can lump it now," explained one of the City Park executives a few days ago, when the club's action first became known.

Scribes Compelled to Shell Out.

Being a public institution in the eyes of the law, the Corrigan people were not able to keep off the scribes from the track side, but they did make them pay \$1.50 each day. Naturally, a storm developed, the incident being the most widely discussed topic in local racing circles.

From what can be learned of the inside trend of the City Park policy, it appears that Edward Corrigan, who still controls the majority stock of the new club—notwithstanding reports to the contrary—told his personal representative in the councils of the organization, President D. J. Barnes, to withhold complimentary press badges from the reporters who "had written mean things about City Park last year during the fight in their respective papers." Acting on this instruction Barnes informed the offending scribes of the necessity of "putting up" at the box office either they desire to attend City Park, either in the capacity of a casual spectator or a reporter.

The entire staff of one well-hated local newspaper was barred through the meeting and its editor was further informed that should it print "accusations" against the City Park management, the newspaper would be barred from the track.

In the future its representatives, whether they paid their way in or not, would be deprived of the press stand and other courtesies.

Newspapers Planning to Retaliate.

In the meantime this newspaper is planning a vigorous campaign of retaliation, the ultimate effect of which may be the closing up of both City Park and the Fair Grounds, for the journal is making its play almost along dangerous lines.

For instance, it is raising an outcry against the freemasonry of the New Orleans women for race-track gambling. During the City Park meeting, ending today, thousands of women of indiscriminate character could be seen in a daily gambling revel in the grand stand. Worst of all, these women, professional followers of the turf, were permitted to intermingle freely through all sections of the grand stand.

Though the grandstand commissioner has been a thing of the past in the East for two years, it flourished at City Park, the women being encouraged to gamble through the presence of uniformed messengers in the grandstand. Edward Corrigan is blamed for the fight on the newspapers. What will be the result is to be feared.

As a result of City Park's discrimination against the newspaper men a factional quarrel has arisen in the Turf Writers' Association of America. The turf writer who was most bitter of all in his attacks on the Fair Grounds during the war last year was tendered every courtesy at the Fair Grounds during the recent meeting. Yet he is alleged to have singled out the anti-City Park writers for the Barnes axe. Everywhere this latest move on the part of the Corrigan henchmen is regarded as the greatest blunder of the whole long fight.

Among the jockeys Sam Hildreth is regarded as the hardest taskmaster for whom they must serve. On the other hand, Bob Tucker, the owner-plunger-lookmaker, is styled an "easy boss." It was little of surprise then when Hildreth let out Jockey Knapp at Oakland, Cal., the very first time "Big Bill" polled the porridge through a bad ride on the back of King's Gem. However, the news of the falling out of "Bob" Tucker and "Dave" McDaniels, the father and mentor of Jockey "Puddin'" McDaniels, who at City Park last week occasioned no end of talk and conjecture.

Little McDaniels came down here from Washington, D. C., waxing in the glory of a very successful season at Benning. Tucker engaged him for the New Orleans season. Everything went along very nicely until McDaniels rode Sally Preston for "Tuck" in the Preliminary Derby for two-year-olds on Saturday, December 8. Tucker's New York agent, "Maxey" Blumenthal, put down a \$5,000 commission in the New York poolroom on McDaniels to ride for Tucker, wisely concluding that if he did not bet in the Fair Grounds ring the price would soar against his mare and, of course, his \$5,000 would go on at an inflated quotation.

Everything Looked Good.

The filly had worked well, and everything stood in apple pie order for a Christmas holiday killing. Before going down to the post Tucker cautioned McDaniels to "get off about all things." Imagine the owner's frame of mind when he observed McDaniels and Sally Preston standing as motionless as a bronze statue as Dade let go the barrier. Sally was never in the hunt. Fantastic won the event. Afterward Tucker said his horse had outworked Pantasio, and with anything like a fair break she should have beaten the Herlew-O'Neill filly.